

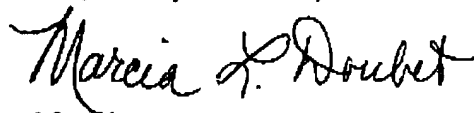
REMARKS

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action dated June 16, 2004 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") states that Claims 1, 7 - 8, 20, 26 - 27, 39, 45 - 46 (mistyped as "35 - 36" in the Office Action), 59, and 62 - 71 (referred to in the Office Action as "Group I") are drawn to subject matter classified in Class 725, Subclass 4, whereas Claims 72 - 75 (referred to in the Office Action as "Group II") are drawn to subject matter classified in Class 725, Subclass 2. Paragraphs 1 - 2 of the Office Action further state that restriction is required for examination purposes.

Applicant hereby elects the claims identified in the Office Action as Group I for prosecution in the present application. The claims of Group II have been cancelled from the application without prejudice (and are being separately submitted in a Divisional application filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)).

The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the restriction requirement. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all remaining claims at an early date.

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